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The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 6, 1873.

THE FIRE HYDRANTS FROZEN UP.

Yesterday morning we were informed that many of the fire hydrants of the city were frozen up. Well knowing it was the duty of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to see that the apparatus and means provided by the city for the prevention and extinguishment of fires are kept in proper working condition, and that he receives for his service a very liberal salary, we thought there must be some mistake about the matter. It was not to be supposed an officer charged with and paid for a duty of such great moment to the welfare and safety of the city, would have neglected his business so far as to allow the hydrants to be frozen up, especially as the lowest temperature of the cold snap has been barely below the freezing point, and even this degree was reached so gradually that there was no possibility of a sudden closing up of the hydrants before the necessary precautions could be taken to prevent it. But upon further inquiry, we ascertained that it was not only true that hydrants had been allowed to freeze up, but that several had burst. In one place an attempt to open the hydrant resulted in setting a great stream of water running, which there was no power in the Chief Engineer or in the Water Company to control, flooding one dwelling house, and threatening further damage. The other hydrants injured by the frost were not opened, as the same result must inevitably have followed in each case.

These hydrants cost the city, with their connections, about $100 apiece. There are twenty-six of them. How many are thus destroyed we have no accurate knowledge. Every hydrant burst by the frost must be replaced at a cost of $100 to the tax-payers of the city; and not one ever need be thus lost, if the officer charged with the duty of keeping them in good order did not neglect his duty. How many hundred dollars the city will have to pay for this neglect, in this one matter, we cannot yet tell; certainly some hundreds, possibly some thousands.

But large as is this bill of expense to the city, it is by no means the most serious feature of the case. Suppose a fire should break out while the hydrants are frozen up,—and fires are most likely to break out when the cold weather demands the greatest fires to be kept in the houses for the purposes of warming—what must be the consequences? The property of the city would be at the mercy of the flames. A large fire department, that costs the city a very great sum annually, must stand helpless and hopeless, and see the property of the city consumed. There can be no excuse for this neglect. Some of the hydrants—most of them, we are informed, are provided with "bleeders," by which their freezing up can be prevented with a half minute's attention; and other simple means well known, and heretofore in use, would have saved every single hydrant, and kept them all in perfect order for use in an emergency; but all this has been neglected, and the city lies in peril of a conflagration, in certainty of a large bill of expense, and in the probability of a heavy charge for wastage of water. This state of affairs is not only ungle ant and unprofitable, but, absolutely alarming. It ought to be looked into, and its recurrence ought to be prevented, even if in order to prevent it a resort to extreme measures should be necessary.

CASSERLY'S RESIGNATION AND ITS EFFECT.

The California papers in discussing Senator Casserly's letter of resignation, very generally agree that the Senator did not give the real cause for his remarkable action. The *Call* and the *Bulletin* have little to say on this point, although the latter alleges that as long ago as last March it received private letters advising it that Mr. Casserly would not be a candidate for re-election. It thinks that "the reasons which the Senator gives were no doubt controlling ones." The *Chronicle*, of course, inclines to the other view. It characterizes his letter as a kind of plea for oblivion—"don't shoot, I'll come down." But as the *Chronicle* was first to publish the charges of Volney E. Howard, it was to be expected that it would seize on this opportunity to make good those allegations. The interior papers construe the letter as an evident wish to evade inquiry into the means by which Casserly was elected.

As to the probabilities in the matter of the resigning Senator's successor, it is conceded on all sides that of the two Senators to be elected, the Democratic minority must have one. The independent journals claim that Newton Booth is constantly gaining strength, and this is not disputed by his opponents. The *Chronicle* admits that the indications are that Booth will be elected Senator for the long term, with a conservative Democrat for the short term. The *Bulletin* thinks that "no wiser thing can be done than to elect the last and best two Governors, Haight, and Booth." The organization of the Legislature, which would, ordinarily, have been effected last Monday, was postponed until Tuesday, in order to give more time in which to form combinations and make up slates. The act of Congress provides that the election shall be held on the second Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature. Owing to the break in telegraphic communication, we have heard nothing on this subject within the past few days. The only event of any significance that has yet reached us is the defeat of Boruck, the railroad candidate for Speaker of the House. If the late elections in California had any significance over and above the mere fact of defection of large masses of Republicans and a general loosening of party ties, they showed, beyond all cavil, an earnest determination to overthrow the railway power in politics, and to replace Sargent with a pronounced anti-monopolist. That Newton Booth is the choice of the people of California, is beyond all question. It remains to be seen whether this wish is to be heeded or whether the people will again be sold out by trading politicians and mercenary officeseekers.

ANOTHER EXHIBITION.

We are informed that Mr. Sheriff Caywood, being requested by the grand jury of the U. S. District Court, by subpœna, to bring before them the two persons in his custody as Sheriff, on conviction for illegal voting at the late election, in order that their testimony might be taken, refused to do so. This was on last Thursday. On Friday an order of Court—the writ of *habeas corpus ad testificandum*, we presume—was procured, and Mr. Caywood was compelled to produce the witnesses in his custody.

That Mr Sheriff Caywood had the legal right to refuse to produce these witnesses, upon a mere subpœna, we presume no lawyer will deny; that in thus refusing and making it necessary to secure the witnesses by compulsory process against him, he had himself open to just criticism, it is equally certain that no one not of the ring will question. And this especially when it is remembered that Mr. Caywood is identified with the ring who have all along been moving heaven and earth to prevent the conviction of the bribers and bribed in these cases. If any public officer can afford to disregard the comity of the courts in a matter of this kind, it is certainly not he who stands suspected—justly or unjustly—of being an active friend and partisan of the malefactors whose crimes are under investigation.

The enterprise of stocking rivers of the Eastern States with salmon from the Pacific Coast, is proving very successful. Livingstone Stone has just sent from McCloud River, Shasta County, Cal., an invoice of 1,035,000 salmon eggs, which were distributed among the Eastern States. New Jersey received 475,000, New York 200,000, Michigan 100,000, Connecticut 110,000, New Hampshire 40,000, Massachusetts 30,000, and Pennsylvania 30,000. The eggs which go to Utah are to be placed in Great Salt Lake; the New York eggs are intended for the tributaries of the Mississippi, and the New Jersey eggs will be put in the Atlantic rivers between the Hudson and the James. In this connection we note an important public work which has just been completed by the Holyoke (Mass.) Water Power Company. Four years ago the State of Massachusetts appropriated $12,500 to aid in building a fish ladder on the big dam of this Water Company, but the Company resisted the law and appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. A mandate was issued, commanding the Company to build the fish-way at its own expense. It has cost about $25,000. It is described as a sort of covered ladder, 450 feet long, and divided by short zigzag "locks," or checks, to break the force of the cataract, and permit shad and salmon to get over the big fall at the dam.

Congress, it seems, is likely to repeal the salary-steal Act, and to attempt to make the repeal reach back to the 4th of last March, thus compelling a disgorging of the extra moneys hitherto drawn by members of the present session. Howsoever highly we may appreciate this spasm of self-respect, we should think it very questionable whether such a law would be of any force in its retroactive clause. This money has come lawfully, howsoever indecently, into the hands of the grabbers and to legislate it out of their hands, would seem to be to legislate their property away from them without compensation. Better not overdo the matter. That sort of repentance never goes so far in the estimation of intelligence as that which manifests itself in moderate ways.

It appears from the dispatches elsewhere published, that there may be objection to the confirmation of Hon. Geo. H. Williams as Chief Justice. What is the nature of the objections is not stated.

THE TELEGRAPH.

The following dispatch, showing the condition of the wires in Northern California, was received by Dr. O. P. S. Plummer last evening:

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 5.—The operator at Yreka sends the following concerning the condition of the wires:

To Dr. Plummer:—The Chico office says Marysville reports all the lines broken between him and Sacramento, and all on both sides and all around Sacramento. They have had a terrible storm down that way. Both our lines have been down between Chico and Marysville, and also down between Chico and Tehama and across the river at Tehama, and between Tehama and Red Bluff and Red Bluff and Redding; also between New York house and Fort Jones.

The Oregon City Turn Vereins, at the regular monthly meeting last Monday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: George A. Harding, President; R. F. Caufield, Vice-President; Henry Hedges, Secretary; William E. Pratt, Treasurer; A. Schuman, First Leader; L. Levy, Second Leader.

DIED:

At Canemah, Oregon, Dec. 5, 1873, Eva, daughter, of J. P. and Rebecca Blanchard, aged 10 years.

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Dec 1, 1873. tf

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CITY.

ENTERTAINMENT The literary exhibition given by the Philomathean Society last evening at Good Templar Hall, was quite successful and largely attended The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with ladies and gentlemen The exercises began with an opening address by W H Adams on the subject of Personal Accountability followed by a declamation delivered by Frank Huber on the topic of Prejudice on Earth and Good Will to Men Robert J Linden next read an essay on the Subject of Progression A dialogue was then rendered entitled Scene from Paul Pry now by Messrs Northrup Hendee and Odell After a spirited and animated discussion the Question Douglass Taylor decided the question in favor of the negative Following the debate came a recitation by F D White Next came a declamation by George Upton followed with the closing address by Mr Steel Throughout the exercises were listened to with close attention and interest Several times the audience testified their appreciation by well merited applause Excellent music was rendered at intervals during the exercises by Messrs Hoyt DeFranz H Thielsen and Professor Brenner to whom the members of the Philomathean Society desire to tender their thanks

PROF J D WHITE —This gentleman after a successful and pleasant professional tour through the upper portion of the Valley returned to this city last evening Prof White during his absence from Portland has given elocutionary entertainments at Oregon City and Salem on the east side of the river Crossing to the west side he gave an entertainment at Corvallis, and crossing northward, also at Monmouth Dallas, Amity, McMinnville and Lafayette On Monday evening Mr White will give one of his pleasant and instructive entertainments to the citizens of Forest Grove and at Hillsboro on Tuesday Returning to this city he will proceed south lecture and elocutionize at the various towns along the route Mr Whites efforts to entertain and instruct have met with a very fair measure of success He will leave the State with favorable impressions of the country and our people On reaching California he will proceed overland to his home in Manchester Kentucky His friends here and elsewhere, wish him success and a pleasant trip

CUT ON THEM OFF —Indications are favorable for rain soon in which event the snow will pass off in a hurry and a very high stage of water follow as a natural sequence A considerable quantity of snow has fallen and should it disappear by a rain, it will be apt to become very heavy before it all melts Roofs and awnings will thus be placed in danger of being crushed by the superincumbent weight By this means several wooden awnings have been crushed Serious or fatal accidents could result in such an event We should advise every person to rake off the snow from their roof and especially from old rickety awnings A little caution thus observed may save accidents

CHANGED BOATS —The steamer *Daisy Ann* with which has been running between Dalles and the Cascades for some months was recently hauled off and the *Idaho* has taken her place The latter boat has undergone numerous repairs and is in good running trim During the winter the river between those points is very rough at times. The *Idaho* is better adapted to that route when the weather is stormy than the *Ainsworth*, and for that reason has been placed temporarily on the line Unless the present cold weather moderates soon there will be no possibility of any kind of boat running long

HELD TO ANSWER —O Neil, the old thief and reprobate, who was arrested on Thursday evening charged with attempting to run away with a purse containing $165, was examined in Police Court yesterday morning His guilt being established beyond all doubt the court held him to appear before the Grand Jury on the charge of larceny No bonds were fixed as the defendant was unable to give any He was remanded to jail to await the next term of Circuit Court O'Neil is said to be an ex convict from San Quentin The purse which he threw away when being chased has not yet been recovered.

ELOCUTIONARY ENTERTAINMENT —Prof John D White of Manchester Kentucky will favor the public this (Saturday) evening with one of his pleasing and instructive elocutionary entertainments at Good Templar Hall corner of Third and Alder streets. Mr White although a young man, is one of the most accomplished elocutionists who has yet visited the city, and his entertainment is well worth the price of admission In addition he will give a brief description of some of the great natural wonders of the National Park Doors will open at 6 30 o'clock

OREGON IRON WORKS SOLD —These Works were sold a few days since by Oscar Kilbourn at auction sale Considering, the state of finances at present existing the price obtained was very fair The real estate, building and stationary machinery were sold for the sum of $27 450 Smith Bros were the purchasers The remainder of the machinery, lathes etc etc were sold to the same parties for $13 400 We hear reports is circulated to the effect that a new joint stock company is being organized to take charge of the Works and put them in operation soon

OFF THE TRACK —While the express train was on the way to Salem Thursday evening, two of the cars were ditched at Canby on account of snow and ice on the rails. The engineer perceived the danger of the situation, and by reversing his engine instanter brought the train up suddenly to a halt At the time the train was moving slowly or disastrous consequences would have occurred No damage was sustained and the cars were soon got back on the track and the accident did not detain the train but a short time

STEALING BLANKETS —Two fellows named Williams and Robinson alias Brocky Jim were arrested last evening and lodged in jail for larceny Both these parties were boarding at the Astor House and not taking kindly to sleeping under light covers these cold nights concluded to appropriate several blankets The plan did not succeed for both culprits are in jail waiting an interview with the Police Judge

STEAMER LEAVES —The steamer *Fanny Anne* came over to this city yesterday without much difficulty When she reached the Columbia river on the return yesterday after noon the Columbia was found full of ice and the attempt to ascend to Vancouver was abandoned The steamer crossed over and finds the passengers on the Oregon bank of the Columbia returned to this city

CATHOLIC NOTICE Carl Bosco opens this evening at Odd Fellows Hall and long Sunday will proceed to Astoria where he will give two or three entertainments return to Olympia the latter part of next week thence to this city Upon his return I learn he will give several entertainments of a humorous character which he proposes to do during the time until further notice will stay at the Occidental Hotel

WEATHER REPORT —From the records of the U S Signal Station of Observation Portland Oregon December 5

	A M	P M	I M
Thermometer			
Wind direction			
Velocity in miles per hour			
Weather	Fair	Cloudy	Cloudy
Rainfall			0 05 inches

BILLS OF INDICTMENT The United States Grand Jury returned to the Court to-day six bills of indictment and spoiled a few Bills On motion of the United States District Attorney an order was entered by Judge Shurtleff Caswood to bring before the Grand Jury two persons now confined in the city jail to give evidence

BOX OF SOAP STOLEN A golden box of soap has been recovered and is now at the Chief of Police's office Any person who may have lost such a box can secure the same and further the ends of justice by calling and proving property The supposed thief is now in custody

COURTS —The U S District Court will convene this morning at 10 o'clock The Circuit Court will meet at 9 o'clock and the County Court at 10 A M

THAT SILVER PAMPHLET Is for sale at Bell's night at 8 o'clock at Worrell saloon corner First and Oak streets

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Beck & Waldman have a new notice to-day Look it and then call on them

If you are cold and need something to make you comfortable just glance over J O Neil & Co's notice in another column and see what they say That will have the desired result

The Hibbard boots and shoes are becoming more popular every day Mr Geo H Hibbard the sole agent who advertises has a full stock The goods can be had at Barr & Kingsleys and other stores Read the ad

As we were walking up First street yesterday our attention was called to the windows of Alisky & Hegele's store Satisfied with the tempting display we entered and found the shelves drawers and every available space filled with the finest confectionaries a description of which is given in the advertising columns For several weeks past an extra number of persons have been employed to make up the stock for the holiday trade All have been and are now busy filling the many orders which come in daily They have everything possible to find in a confectionery store from the plain stick to the finest French candies all of which are made in their own manufactory This fact alone is a guarantee that the city and country trade will find the prices very moderate The young folks can now have candies in every conceivable shape Parties weddings et are thought of and cakes of every description can be had at any moment Call in and see for yourself

BALLS AND PARTIES

Previous to the holidays the City Rifles and the Turn Verein will give parties at their own halls

Next Tuesday evening a social dance will be given at the Hall of the Independent Order of Jolly Good Fellows These social parties are very pleasant and popular affairs

The Turn Verein at the close of the gymnastic exercises on Thursday evening were taken by surprise upon the entry to their hall of a figure representing a camel which was led by a fair damsel Following were a dozen or more ladies who were burdened with something to satisfy the wants of the inner man and more than this two men, bearing musical instruments, brought up the rear of the procession The movement needed no explanation In a moment the floor was cleared and dancing commenced Of course everything proved to be of the most happy character

SPECIAL CHURCH NOTICES.

The Rev D B Gray late of Oakland Cal will preach at the First Congregational Church to-morrow Services at 11 A M and 7 30 P M

Services at St David's Episcopal Church East Portland Sunday December 7 1873, at 11 A M, by Rev Jno Roemheld, Holy Communion at 7 P M, by Rev Jas Daly

There will be services in the Evangelical Lutheran Church East Portland in the Norwegian language on Sunday next at 11 o clock A M and at 3 o clock P M in the English language Also there will be services in the Norwegian language in the rooms of the Y M C Association over Ladd & Tilton's bank corner of First and Stark streets in this city on next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock Rev A E Iredrickson D D will officiate

THE COURTS.

U S DISTRICT COURT—DEAN J

FRIDAY Dec 5 1873

L A Goddard grand juror, discharged for the term

Upon application of the U S District Attorney, ordered that the Sheriff of Multnomah County bring before the court two persons now confined in the jail of said county to be examined as witnesses by the Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned into court six bills of indictment endorsed true bills

In the matter of Jasper Seat in bankruptcy demurrer to answer to petition of J J Hartman Hen creditor argued and submitted

Adjourned till to-morow at 10 o clock A M

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

On the 16th 17th and 18th inst the ladies of the Catholic Church will hold a fair and festival for the benefit of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Next Tuesday evening the Chapel of the Unitarian Society will be the scene of a most pleasant time In another column a festival and fair is announced The occasions of this kind at the Chapel are made quite entertaining

PERSONAL

Judge J T McArthur arrived from the Dalles on Thursday He will start for Salem to-morrow to attend the session of the Supreme Court which will convene on Monday

Capt Speiths and Geo Machler started for the Sound country on Thursday morning They go on an old vessel and will inspect the lighthouse at Cape Foulweather before they return

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The following are the arrivals at the principal hotels of the city yesterday

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

Henry Miles Cowlitz
W O Haresnape W W
H R Brown Clatskanie
C Bell Salem
Chas Eaton Salem
John Morris Ar
A M Cox Salem
Jas Dosenet Salem
John Fowler Lafayette
A J Miller Dayton
N P Robinson Dayton
J K Graham Clackamas City
J L Davis
J Knott Stockton river
M Stroud O R C R R
G B Fisher Scott
A Gray Hubbards
Mrs John Ward Ward Landing
I College Clatskanie

J L Parrish Albany
W H Carter Albany
R Williams
S Burghuen Salem
J G Kinney
D Davis
J Knott Stockton river
M Stroud O R C R R
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ST CHARLES HOTEL

Wm Dwark Gilstog Cal
Benj H Hammar St Louis Mo

J Sanders Albany
John Jackson Albany
E J Ziglar San Juan
E J Holland Dalles
S N Clarke Canyon City
Peyton Willow Creek
John Patrick Long River
E Fitzgerald Dalles
J N Roland W T
H A Clarke S F
T Peerson Eugene City
J F McArthur Dalles
J W Sisters Cottage Grove
Mrs Door Wisconsin
Miss Door
Isaac Bowden Canton

C Wurtz
Mrs Wilson
J N Scott Dayton
Miss Hall Dayton
A J Hanna

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A TALE OF THE FUTURE

[From Lond n Society.]

No I will not—I never lied Once only in my life I took a bribe but for a large sum and I felt that in such a humiliating way that I registered a vow not to be bitten a second time"

"You quite raise my curiosity As there is no chance for success by friendly bet this little dispute as to what exact species of abomination our race is the strongest in hawking you should at least let me have the benefit of your first and best experience in that line"

"It is an old story now but if you will hold a cheroot and join me in a comfortable bottle of Forzato, I shall let you into the secret if my dislike to it does not return"

The speakers were both Englishmen in had met by chance at a little out-of-the-way village on the lower Engadine Having dined together they were having their cigars in the verandah when one trifling difference of opinion brought on the conversation given above

As soon as guides and the hostess had supplied their wants the elder of the two began to relate the following incident with an air of gravity so strongly marked that his listener found it impossible to doubt the accuracy of what he said

"The time I speak of is some twenty or five and twenty years ago when the Alpine Club was still in its infancy Things were very different then from what they are now The Andes Association had not been formed destined as it was utterly to cast into the shade its Alpine predecessor There was no railway over Mont Blanc and the idea of a lift to the hotel on the top of the Matterhorn had not yet been started In fact I remember rightly the latter itself had not been found it was at this time a member of the Club, and few more enthusiastic individuals could have been found amongst the number of its admirers Innumerable were the articles that I contributed to its journal giving appalling accounts of the adventures I had met with in scaling peaks and climbing down precipices and other little performances of that nature Immense used to be my delight and pride at being able to inscribe the magic letters A C after my name in the visitors books in Swissrama Astonishing used to be the 'set up' in which I started for the most ordinary mountain walk, girt about with a variety of ropes and ice-axes, and spectacles and bells I can speak jestingly of these little vanities now but it took a very severe and a very expensive lesson entirely to cure me And the way it came about was this There was to be an annual dinner of the Club held at the Crystal Palace on a certain day in May, soon after I had taken my university degree This dinner I had set my heart on attending, but when the afternoon of the day arrived, I received a letter from some country cousins saying that they were coming up to town that day and begging me to meet them at the train Now was all very fine as there was no help for it I endeavored to calm my ruffled temper with the assistance of my hookah and so far succeeded that I was not actually rude to my relatives when escorting them across town When I had them down my club I began to consider what to do with myself and what particular establishment I should favor with my custom for dinner that evening Just as I had settled this important matter who should I meet coming round a corner but my friend Jack Hilyar Jack was one of all others I should have wished to come upon at the moment We had been at college together, and were very much attached to each other Jack was the very soul of honor, and the most open hearted fellow breathed—pleasant and light hearted withal with plenty of stuff in him for all that As luck would have it, he had not yet dined so we arranged to have a quiet little dinner together, and a good chat in the smoking-room after wards We finished the second course and were discussing the wines and dessert when a stranger entered the room and seated himself at the table next to me Now all my life I have had a perfect mania not for bags in the ordinary sense of the word as I detest them but for associating a man's general character from his appearance—but this I can tell at the first glance, whether a man is potentially my friend or my foe In this judgment at first sight I have never yet found myself to be mistaken The very moment the [illegible] I felt convinced that he was a man of no ordinary mould I could not impose him the idea of a feeling that if ever he were to cross my path would prove a determined and formidable foe He was a tall well made man with an American The sharp, eagle face, the slouching gait, and, above all the intensely free and [illegible] manner, indicated his nationality Beyond the shadow of a doubt Putting these observations, he stretched himself along the seat and set himself to stare calmly and persistently at Jack and myself We were partly amused and partly annoyed at the insolence of the man, but, as we had finished our wine, we adjourned to the smoking room Soon after the American followed us into the other room, and seated himself up against the fire place, while he smoked out, for the benefit of all present, his opinions on things in general Jack, who had never in his first feeling of disgust, seemed highly to enjoy the man's eccentricity, and to wish to draw him out as much as possible Soon he grew tired of this amusement so we resumed the talk we had been engaged in on the subject of the Alpine Club Jack was thinking of joining it and in reply to his questions, I gave a glowing description of all its glories The harsh voice of the American broke up our ears with the remark I calculate the Alpine Club is a tarnation humbug' Jack looked delighted, and giving a sly glance at me proceeded to draw out our friend still more

"I hope sir," he rejoined in a most polite tone, "that you will give your reasons for that opinion, as I had thought of becoming a member but of course would not do so if convinced that the whole concern was a humbug"

"Well, stranger you could not do a kinder thing than stay as you are I guess they've named the thing wrong It should be the 'Brag Company Limited Some tarnal duffer that calls himself an A C goes up a mountain that all the folk near have known for years and then writes to all the European papers to say that he has made a first ascent I reckon that has raised the price of oysters damned thing in Switzerland close on to 50 per cent So I hear, they've such shocking crosses to meet and the greater the duffer the cheekier he is Don't be a stranger—don't do it

"While this was going on, I sat by silent but rapidly losing my temper At last I could stand it no longer and burst out with 'Flys is mere vague abuse, sar I will bet you any sum of money you choose to name that I will select a better mountaineer from the members of the Club than any man you can name Is that a fair offer' The Alpine Club against the world"

The Yankee looked me over from head to foot, and then drawled out 'Well stranger I guess I'll take your bet if you'll let the mountaineering be between you and me I lay you $10 000 that before this time three years I'll have cut you out in all climbing

"I had spoken hastily, and was perfectly taken aback at being closed with so quickly However, I was in for it now and could not go back from my word Accordingly as I could I said "Just as you like Let the bet be between you and me The sum you name will be as good as any other but of course must be lodged by both parties before the matter is finally arranged

I calculate you're a right stranger It won't be long before you hear from me about it What do you say your name is?

Forbes Henry Forbes

Mine is Zachariah Johnston New York city Well I guess we're correct here in three days three years and what not lies first in the matter and back a mountain into have the stakes Shake hands on it, stranger—shake hands on it"

Here I was obliged reluctantly to stretch out my hand to be grasped by the bony fingers of the other After this, he tossed the end of his cheroot into the fire-place, and sauntered out of the room whistling Yankee Doodle

"The whole affair had taken far less time than five minutes—so that I had not had time to interfere His face at the moment when the American left the room was a study for an artist An astonishment almost amounting to tragic horror was depicted in it When the door was fairly shut he burst out I can make neither head nor tail of what I heard for some time Well I felt convinced that it was all a joke, at least he hoped that it was I should say it was as nasty a scrape as ever you got yourself into Making a bet of £2 000 with an utter stranger A bet that if there was anything in it would [illegible] for running down the world Three years in Europe! Why, you don't [illegible] at all It's just, rather than explain that of course no man would [illegible] he will let that [illegible] I was [illegible] that we shall never hear the last of it

"As he spoke he threw open the door, and in the manner of the hotel came in with a very puzzled expression of countenance Excuse me sir but are you Mr Ford

"Yes Forbes is my name

Well sir the American gentleman who has just left the house—very strong gentleman he appears to be—came to me a few minutes ago and asked me to give you this slip of paper But the strange part of the matter is gentlemen that he had nothing in it to hand for £2 000 payable this day three years, for which I gave him a receipt He said it was a matter he had to settle with you Mr Forbes and that you would understand

I felt if I were in a second nightmare dream But mechanically took the paper which the man held out to me It ran as follows There were only a very few words This day three years May 11 1885 in the smoking room Lodge in Hotel

Whipping out my pocket book I wrote a hasty line in pencil stating from my client

Immediately after speaking, I went to the hotel and calling Hudson threw it I said, I seem to feel both on attacked and insulting, so much inclined to use strong language

Jack came over to me and seizing my hand in my shoulder and He [illegible] upheld at a bargain but cheer up old fellow we'll take the wind out of his sails before we're done with him Let me see now Excuse I'll out of the Seventy first and don't we know what to do with such a scoundrel Something formal and impressive enough for any mountebank's existence in this [illegible]

Thanks, my dear fellow as I [illegible] but I don't want to be [illegible] of letting you go with me, I dare say with me What Heaven only knows how long I shall be away for no engagement for to any amount to win the bet I certainly shall"

Don't talk any rubbish of that kind about thanks Why I could not think of a more amusing employment than to engage a little of the world and at the same time cutting out our friend the Yankee No sooner I was partly the means of getting you into the scrape by talking at all to the man I certainly mean to see you out of it

So after a great deal of talk it was finally arranged that Jack Hilyar and I were to start together in search of the highest and most difficult mountains to be found Of course, before anything more was done we took care to find out that Mr Zachariah Johnston was not a penniless adventurer but had where with it to pay his debt if he should be [illegible] This point being ascertained the next great question that arose was, what mountain we should attack Switzerland had long been used up Norway was voted too low for our purpose The highest peaks of the Andes had the city bought tainted So that for a time, we were at a loss I suggested that it might be a good plan to cut out the American on his own soil by conquering any peak on the Rocky Mountains that were not dreaded more than the Alpine Club but on careful consideration we rejected the idea, as the hunters and trappers in America but little knowledge gained by a second ascent A happy thought struck Jack "I have it, he cried "Central Africa and the Mountains of the Moon

The more we talked the thing over, the more we liked it Utterly unknown to all Europeans, and surrounded by a sort of halo of mystery these, of all others were the mountains for us Within a fortnight we had left London, laden with every thing that could by any possibility be of use to us in our distant explorations and a good many things which certainly could not be so My life for a few days before we started was made a burden to me by the enthusiasm which Jack showed for buying all strange articles which he asserted might come in handy Among these, I remember, were a circular saw, a churn and a barrel organ The last he asserted would be invaluable in appeasing the minds of the natives In spite of the amount of our impedimenta we were more successful than most African travelers Gaining information from every possible source, and accompanied by a perfect gang of natives from various tribes, who, in spite of their assertions knew as little as we did ourselves, we wandered for nearly four months over hitherto untrodden ground before we even came in sight of the Moon Mountains See them however we did and there in the midst of a mighty group rose one giant peak, soaring far above the rest and [illegible] of the torrid zone white with eternal snow

On asking as well as we could of the natives what the name of this peak was they replied something that sounded like Mumpi Joumb This delighted us immensely, as their name for it corresponded as it seemed to be, was an evident confirmation of the idea contained in the ancient rhyme that Mumbo Jumbo inhabited the Mountains of the Moon

"Well sir I am not going to trouble you with an account of all the difficulties we encountered before we reached the top of Mumpi Joumb So often were we driven back by storms and mists and falling stones that the natives were confirmed in their original impression of the mountain being haunted and absolutely refused to go with us any more

Jack and I were thus left alone to fight it out with the great peak and at last we consquered it It was the day after we had been left alone that we cut our way up the last ice slope leading to the top I happened to be first at the moment, and as the last step was cut I sprang on to the clear space on the top with a wild cheer The sight that met my eyes was, however, very nearly made me stagger back over the edge Quietly seated on the very highest point was our friend Zachariah Johnson picking his teeth with his bowie knife I reckon young, half an hour I the stranger he remarked in a cheerful tone of voice While I was made tracks up on one side of the mountain, I did similar up the other but I guess you'll have to grease your boots better if you want to beat me at that game With that he took off his hat, and with a low sweeping bow wished us good morning Three minutes later he was lost to view down the same side of the mountain he ascended by

I need hardly tell you that we felt greatly crushed by this melancholy termination of our first attempt and it was in very low spirits indeed that we made our way down the mountain and returned after some weeks travelling to Ondro

It was while staying there that a glorious plan developed itself in our brains more ambitious and more daring than anything that has yet been conceived by man We were in search of mountains why not go to the highest of all mountains the Himalayas and, amongst those, why not attempt the highest of them all Mount Everest the highest mountain in the world We became perfectly fascinated by the idea By dint we talked of nothing else and at night Mount Everest haunted our dreams

At first we feared that it would be hopeless attempting it on account of the very rarefied state of the atmosphere on the top but on examining records of balloon ascents we found, to our relief that mammals had been known to reach greater heights without experiencing any very great difficulty in breathing Before starting for the Himalayas we sent to England for several things which we considered necessary for our new undertaking amongst others for a small balloon This last was owing to a suggestion of mine as I fancied it might in some cases prove useful I also wrote to Grindelwald for two of the best guides that came in Switzerland—Christian and Moritz offering them such liberal terms that I felt sure they would agree to come Of these two I knew Christian personally and had more than once had occasion to [illegible] He was a thorough mountaineer and [illegible] Moritz was able to [illegible] and was somewhat inferior to Christian in point of [illegible] but was highly recommended by [illegible] and I felt sure that with Christian to lead him he would prove a valuable man

Having [illegible] we left Ondro and [illegible] Bombay [illegible] Darjeeling [illegible] Here we [illegible] Moritz [illegible] Christian [illegible] Mount Everest [illegible] Jack [illegible] Moritz [illegible] Christian [illegible] Moritz [illegible] Christian [illegible] Moritz [illegible] Christian